ciation. under the Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops, the net return per hectare from paddy cultivation in West Bengal (one crop) has been estimated at Rs. 2324.13 during 1991-92. In Orissa, the net return from paddy cultivation (one crop) has been estimated at Rs.2138.31 per hectare during the same year. These net returns in two States are after meeting all operational expenses and fixed cost including depreciation on implements and farm buildings.

Lifting of Curbs on Cooperatives

7419. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cooperatives/Initiative Panel has suggested for lifting of curbs on cooperatives;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps the Central Government have taken to motivate State Governments to change their respective cooperative Act and to strive for reform in the Central Multi-State Act on Cooperatives; and

(d) whether the pioneering law passed recently by Andhra Pradesh would be the drawn of a new era and the Centre and State Governments would compete to erect progressive modern legislation for cooperatives; if so, by when the Central legislation is likely to be brought forward/ enforced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Cooperative Initiative Panel has taken up a Cooperative Initiative Project (CIP) sponsored by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and the Cooperative Development Foundation, Hyderabad. Under this project, the CIP conducts workshops to create awareness among the people.

In its report for the cooperative year 1993-94, the CIP has drawn attention to the need to create a legal environment in India conducive to cooperation. For this it has urged the need to amend the State Cooperative laws on the lines recommended by the Chaudhary Brahm Perkash Committee report and has expressed its concern at the slow progress of amendment of the laws by the States.

Suggestions for democratisation of cooperatives and reduction of Government control have been made on the lines of the suggestions given by Chaudhary Brahm Perkash Committee Report. Some of these suggestions include withdrawing Government officials from cooperatives, restriction of powers of registrar for registration and liquidation, withdrawal of Government nominees from managing committees, appointments of auditors by the cooperative societies themselves etc.

(c) and (d) All the States Governments have been requested to amend their Cooperative Societies Acts on the lines of 'Model Cooperatives Act'. It has been decided to reformulate the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 on the lines of the 'Model Cooperative Act'. Recently the Government of Andhra Pradesh has made certain amendments in the State Cooperative Societies Act, incorporating some of the recommendations of the Model Act.

Subsidy on Electricity and Irrigation

7420. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 442 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th May, 1995 and state:

(a) the ratio contributed by the State Governments on electricity and irrigation; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Bulk of the electricity and irrigation sub-